

Youth Talk:

"Now America must decide. I hope the future bring change, and things can turn around."

-Stephani Stillwell, Middletown High School

(Courtesy of the News Journal, Oct. 29, 2008).

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Elect to serve families seamlessly!

The signs are everywhere—"Change is Coming," "Change We Can Believe In." It's clear that the November elections all seem to have one thing in common, the theme of change. But what does that mean? For some, change is a welcomed concept; a break from the everyday and a chance for something new. For others, change brings about feelings of uncertainty and apprehension.

These varied (and sometimes conflicting) emotions regarding change are why it is so important that, on a Department level, care for our children and families is seamless within and across systems.

Though they may be involved with two or more service divisions, they are all being helped by one team.

We must always remember that the children and families we serve are already experiencing a magnitude of change. What they seek in us, beyond our expertise, is a unified group of individuals committed to providing them with the tools they need to embrace and thrive with the change needed to improve their lives.



"The axiom that two heads are better than one really is true when it comes to strengthening children and families in a holistic way...the individuals and groups that make a community can accomplish goals that neither could achieve alone."

- From *Putting the Pieces Together: Comprehensive School-Linked Strategies for Children and Families*, published by the U.S. DOE, and the Regional Educational Laboratory Network, 2004.

Hidden Words: Scrambler

Change one letter in each of the following to create another word for "change." For example, *charge* would become *change*.

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| GLOW | TWITCH | AFTER | CODIFY |
| SWAT | CONCERT | TRACE | VERY |

October Scrambler Answers- hide, disguise, cloak, conceal and camouflage

